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This report contains a sketch of the plant layout, descriptions of the products produced and the furnaces, and miscellaneous information concerning the plant. A secret laboratory is located on the plant layout sketch, and an automatic 100-ton furnace is mentioned.

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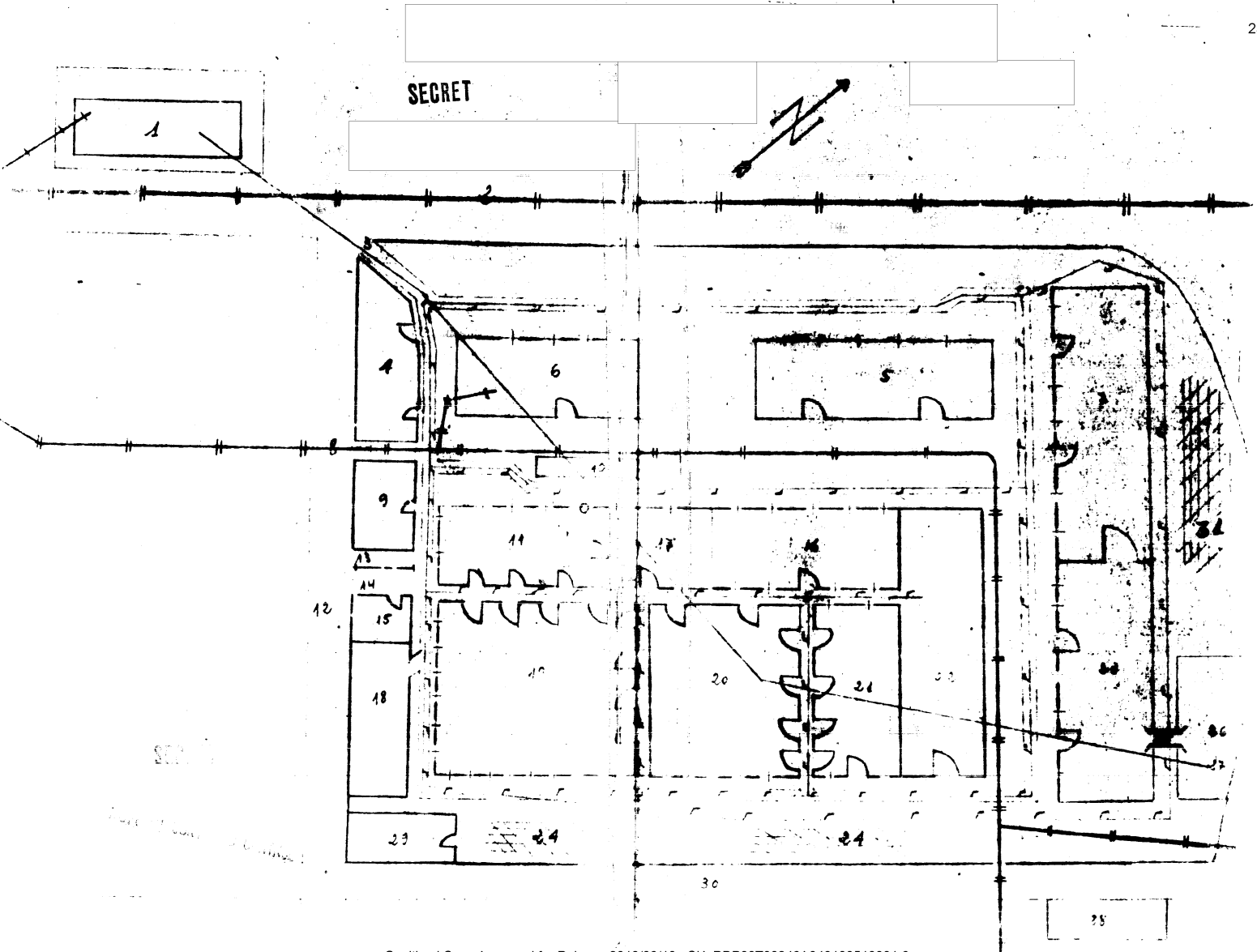
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SERP I MOLOT METALLURGICAL PLANT

The Serp I Molot Metallurgical Plant (once called GUSON) was located in the city of Moscow in Pervomayskiy oblast. It was subordinate to the Ministry of Black Metals.

(See sketch of plant

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on page .)

PRODUCTS

The plant made ingots, bars, sheet metal, metal plates, copper coated steel wire, rails, Povayin (a very hard substance), other smelted products, rollers of unknown weights and sizes for its own use, metal toys, ~~silvers~~ ^{silverware}, resistors for small electric furnaces, and supplied gas to another unidentified plant.

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The plant had the following types of furnaces which could produce from 120 to 330 batches:

1 Automatic 15 x 8-meter 100-ton fuel oil furnace (named after the Russian who invented it) which performed all the required functions and worked in conjunction with a rolling machine which functioned independently.

8 90 to 100-ton fuel oil furnaces

6 75-ton fuel oil furnaces

4 Electric furnaces (whose capacities varied between 5 and 15 tons).

They
All used oxygen ~~to produce~~, were fed by a machine called "Trompa", and used two types of smokestacks (i.e. seven old brick and cement 70 to 80-meter high smokestacks and modern 20 to 25-meter high sheet iron smokestacks). Besides, each used two 4000-liter tanks which were used to circulate water through the inside of the furnace so that it would not get cold.

Since no units were kept for emergency purposes, specialists had to repair furnaces immediately right on the spot.

BUILDINGS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

The plant had the following installations:

Fuel Oil Dump (1/1). This building was fenced in and supplied fuel oil to the furnaces.

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Moscow-Ulyanovsk Railroad Line (2/1).

Main Entrance (3/1).

Warehouse (1/1). It stored apparatus and equipment for plant use.

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Drop Hammer Shop (5/1). It manufactured steel balls for bearings.

Electric Shop (6/1).

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Foundry (7/1). It had some 50-ton and some 20-ton overhead cranes i.e.

approximately five altogether. Besides, it had ~~some sheet metal rolling~~

~~section~~ galvanizing section, and a mold section which made wooden and iron molds.

Plant Railroad Sidings (8/1). They were connected to the Moscow-Ulyanovsk

Railroad Line and branched off to other plants.

Steam Shop (9/1). It supplied steam to the whole installation.

Loading and Unloading Railroad Platform (10/1).

Packing Shop (11/1). It crated small items.

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Personnel Entrance (13/1).

Vehicle Entrance (14/1).

Personnel Control Office (15/1).

Toy Manufacturing Shop (16/1). It made toys out of sheets of stainless

steel, ~~tableware~~ ^{silverware}, trays, etc. This was a restricted area.

Packing Shop (17/1). It crated items made in the Toy Manufacturing Shop.

Control Offices (18/1). This building checked the weights of in-coming and out-going material on two platform scales.

Lathe Shop (19/1). It made wire.

Packing Shop (20/1). It crated the wire. *and purified & polished stainless steel* ^{P. sec. 25X1}

Sheet Metal Rolling Shop (21/1).

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Boiler Making Shop (22/1)

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Sheet Metal Rolling Shop (23/1). [REDACTED]

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Open-Air Mineral Dumps (24/1).

^{Foot}
Bridge (25/1). It connected the laboratory with Sheet Metal Rolling

Shop № 23.

Laboratory (26/1). This was a secret installation.

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[REDACTED] (27/1). [REDACTED]

Clinic and Administration Offices (28/1).

"La Pera" Shop (29/1). It cut up the slag to be shipped out.

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Open-Air Dump (31/1). It cleaned out the molds used in the foundry.

RAW MATERIALS

The plant used fuel oil, iron ore, scrap iron, etc. All materials, except
scrap iron which came by truck) were brought by rail. [REDACTED]

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WATER SUPPLY

The plant had a large tower located next to the fuel oil dump (1/1) which
stored drinking water pumped in from the city. Next to this was another
water tank which drew water from a well and pumped it in to the plant.

[REDACTED] water pipes were located underground [REDACTED]

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Power was supplied by and electric station located approximately one kilometer northwest of the plant. An electric transformer station, located in the southeast corner of the plant grounds, stepped down electricity to an average of 220 to 120 volts. [redacted] the plant had sufficient current; there were two meters (one low voltage meter was kept for emergencies and took care of the more important installations such as the manometers, water levels, etc.).

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TRANSPORTATION

The standard gauge plant railroad sidings were connected to the Moscow-Ulyanovsk Railroad line. They used box cars and 60-ton platform cars.

All material was kept in good condition. Loading and unloading platforms are indicated (Nº 10) on the legend to the attached sketch. [redacted]

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The plant made use of the city's streets. It used an unspecified number of large trucks of not less than five tons each.

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STORAGE

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[redacted]
[redacted]
One of the open-air dumps (31/1) was located approximately four meters from

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the Foundry. Between the two there was an overhead crane. The open-air mineral dumps were located eight or ten meters from the adjacent buildings.

[redacted] The
fuel oil dump had about 10 dark green storage tanks [redacted]

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[redacted] Fuel oil was drawn through pipes from the tank cars; in winter they used a steam heating coil tube.

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The fire brigade was quartered outside the installation. They were assisted by other personnel also instructed in fire fighting methods. Besides, there were hoses and alarms (located in glassboxes) which were connected to the Fire Department.

PRODUCTION METHODS

All minerals were prepared right in the plant. The ore had an 80 percent pure mineral content. [redacted]

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[redacted] They were heated from 1,500 to 1,900 degrees. Slag was cut up [redacted] and shipped out to be used for construction work.

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Only the stainless steel and the wire were refined here. [redacted]
[redacted]

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